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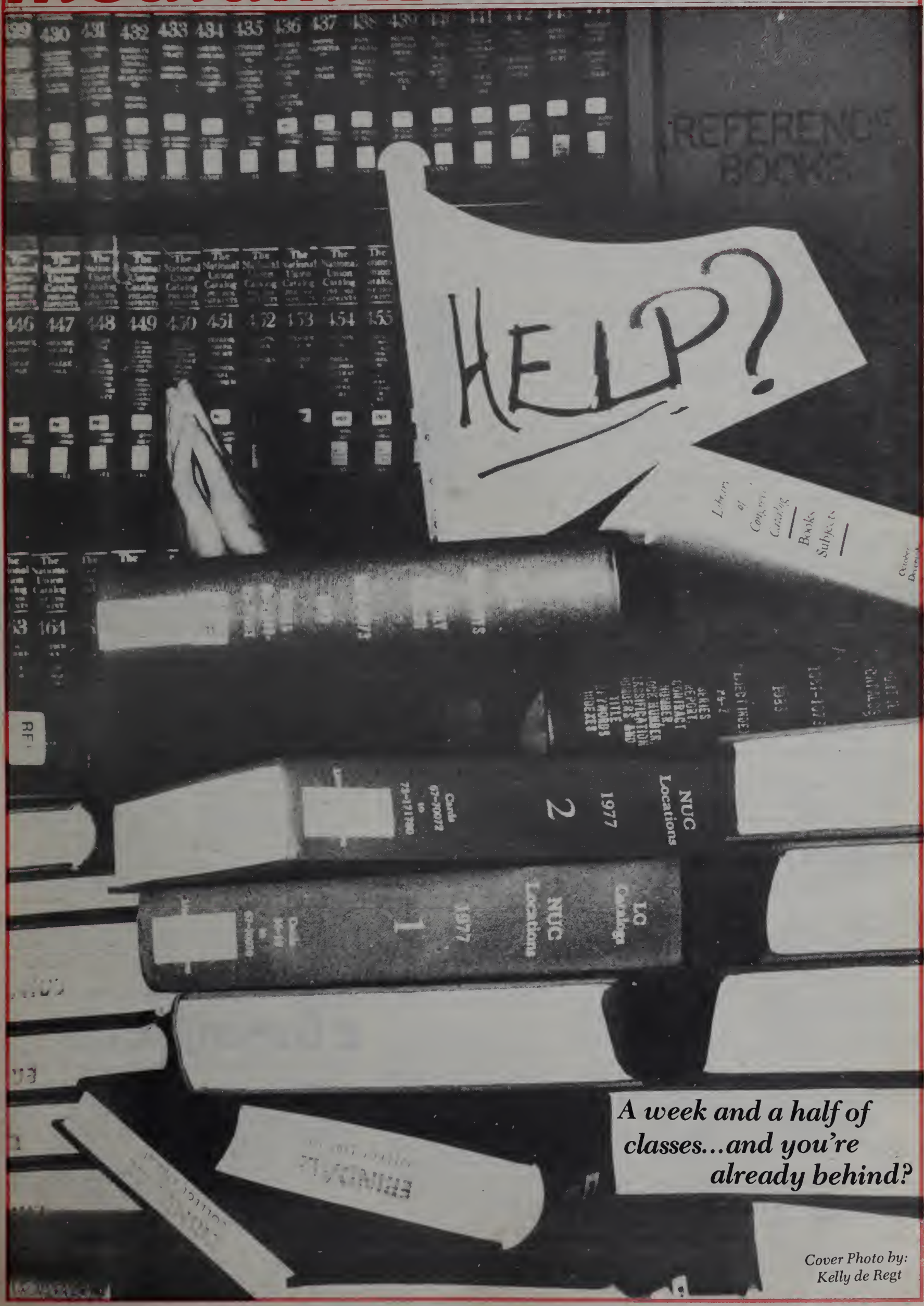

A week and a half of classes...and you're already behind?

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medium II perspective

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Momentary Meditation

Cult awareness...what do we really know?

cult n. system of religious worship esp. as expressed in ceremonies; devotion or homage to person or thing (esp. derog. of transient fad); L. cultus, worship.

religion n. 1. particular system of faith and worship (the Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, religion;)...2. human recognition of superhuman controlling power and esp. of a personal God or gods entitled to obedience and worship; effect of such recognition on conduct and mental attitude.

The fine line between a cult and a religion must be drawn very carefully. Defining each can be confusing, as is evidenced by the above notations from The Concise Oxford Dictionary.

'Religion' carries a more positive connotation for most people, while the word 'cult' suggests brainwashing and mind control. University students are prime targets for cultists. The openmindedness and the willingness to participate in new experiences are beneficial to the student's academic life. These same characteristics, however, make the student a person who is searching, and seeking. The cultist warmly welcomes lost souls.

One danger in discussing religion and cults is that those denouncing one or the other may be seen as fanatics. If you're interested in listening to viewpoints on cults, be in the Meeting Place today at 12 noon, for Ted Patrick's talk on "Bringing them back". He is a deprogrammer and is sure to provide insight into the cult experience.

Or you can shuttle down to the Hart House debate room tonight at 8 p.m. for the debate: "A cult is a religion that hasn't yet made it."

Think about it. If cults appear on Erindale campus, it could mean serious repercussions for us all.

medium II letters

medium II has an open letters policy. Submissions should be directed to the Editor of medium II. Any letter that is not racist or libellous will be printed. Longer submissions may be edited. Unsigned letters will not be published. Names can be withheld upon request. Deadline for letters for the following week's paper is Friday at noon.

Good work ECSU

To all ECSU Directors,

I just wanted to say congratulations for a job well done. Despite problems from our "friends" at Charterways et cetera, your hard work paid off and made this year's Orientation a success. Hats off to ECSU.

Jason Offer

First pub: A $ucce$$...

The first pub of the year last Thursday was a great success; with a few exceptions.

Early in the evening (from four o'clock) the pub was uncharacteristically crowded, with increasing noise levels making the music inaudible. I personally asked the manager if he would raise the volume, to which he replied rather curtly, "Not now, it's dinner time. Time for that later." At least four other students voiced the same complaint directly to the manager in my presence, with only token increases in volume as a result. Admittedly, loud music during dinner is not ideal, but being forced to watch videos with no sound is idiotic. Besides which, very few students were actually eating at the time—most were early drinkers wanting to avoid the line up.

Many students were forced to go without dinner at all, because the waitresses, at the orders of pub management, would only serve food in the pub's front section—a section which occupies only half of the total space which was filled by four o'clock with drinkers.

At six-thirty, the music was turned up (finally!) and two doormen began collecting cover charges from those inside. One would think that after buying food (if you were lucky) and drinks for two and a half hours it would be unnecessary to charge us admission. Pub management disagrees.

Worse than that, however, is that for the half hour to forty-five minutes that it took to collect the cover, other students were forced to wait outside in the rain, even though the pub was not filled to capacity. Only after all the cover charges were collected from those inside was the pub filled to its capacity of two hundred seventy-five. By that time those outside were soaked.

And after all that, last call was announced at eleven thirty. Ontario drinking laws allow us to be served alcohol until one, but pub management only serves until eleven thirty on their busiest night. So who's the financial wizard?

Well, overall I'm disillusioned. I thought the pub was for the student's enjoyment, not the management's convenience.

Lawrence Barichello
House 111

notices

MSSA Orientation Party

MSSA is sponsoring an orientation party at the SAC Pub (Sidney Smith), Friday September 21, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets: Members, $3; Non-members, $4. For more details call Vicky, 925-8257; Fanny, 593-9576; Charles, 927-9232; or Chun Pong, 593-7032.

Erindale Christian Fellowship

September is the month to make new friends. Joining a club is one way to meet people. The Erindale Christian Fellowship welcomes all to join us. Meetings are held Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. at Colman Place (on Residance Road). This is a large group which meets for supper. Also on Mondays from 1-2 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. a few people meet in our office for prayer and support. All are welcome to drop by Room 131A, North Building, to join these or other small groups. Get to know us.

SAC Elections

Erindale College has one seat vacant on the Students' Administrative Council (SAC). If you are interested in getting involved, pick up a nomination form at the SAC InfoDesk in the South Building.

Nominations close Sept. 21, 1984.

Inti-Illimani in concert at Convocation Hall, 31 King's College Circle, Friday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Admission: Adults, $10, $11 at the door; Children (7-14), $5, $6 at the door. Day Care Available.

Media Seminar

The Media Seminar, on "Politics and the Media", will take place in the Hart House Debate Room at 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 1984.

Daniel Richler of the New Music, Ivor Hamilton of CFNY, Gregg Quill of the Toronto Star, Helen Hutchinson of W5, Vince Carlin, the News Director of CBC and Dan Obe, the Dean of Journalism at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, will speak at the seminar.

All are welcome to attend the seminar, which is sponsored by SAC.

Mississauga Library Films

A series of films entitled "Vietnam 1945-1975: The Ten Thousand Day War", continues at Mississauga's Central Library, Sunday, September 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Featured on screen wil be "Days of Decision", "Westy's War", and "Uneasy Allies".

"Days of Decision looks at the rapid escalation of conflict during the Johnson Administration with intensified fighting as government in the South changed with revolving door frequency.

There is no admission charge for these films, which are a 26-part series, continuing Sundays to Nov. 25.

Mississauga Central Library, 110 Dundas St. West, Mississauga, is located on the southeast corner of Confederation Parkway and Highway 5, just west of Highway 10. 279-7002.

Thursday, October 4

Quadrophenia, the rock movie featuring The Who and Sting, is being shown Thursday, Oct. 4, Mississauga Central Library at 7 p.m. There's no charge for admission! For information call 279-7002.

classifieds

The Classified section is for small ads. Classifieds cost two dollars ($2.00) for for the first twenty-five (25) words (minimum) and twenty cents (20¢) for each additional word. Classifieds are an effective way to reach the five thousand students at Erindale. All ads in this section must be paid for in advance.

Typing done in my home, in the Bloor and Cawthra area. Thesis, Essays, Correspondence, etc. Please call 275-4579.

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Poetry and short stories wanted for NO MORE MASTERPIECES. Send submissions with S.A.S.E. to: No More Masterpieces, 3643 Chiplow Road, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, L4X 2R1. DEADLINE: September 30, 1984.

For a Free Guide on "How to pick-up an ECSU Director" (including DWP Supplementary)—either sex—call 828-5312.

Shawn

"I'm beyond their timid, lying morality so I am beyond caring."

Kurtz c/o Rino

To "Sexy"

Thanks for coming back. I can hardly wait to see you again.

The Man with the boots and pipe

news

"Members of the Pepsi generation may be suffering from small seizures." *CUP*

Freedom of press remains in doubt

OTTAWA(CUP)—Journalists at Algonquin College's *Impact* returned from summer vacation to find their constitution repealed and their press freedom threatened.

Student union president Daniel Carrier said "management and staff problems" at *Impact* last year were the reasons behind the action. "It's completely crazy to have a constitution because the paper is a branch of the corporation (student union)," Carrier said.

But staffers do not see *Impact* as a branch of a corporation. They view the paper as a publication by and for students. *Impact* spokesperson Greg Foisie has accused the Student Union of trying to take control of the paper while staff members were on vacation.

Mark Atkinson, student union general manager, disagreed, saying the paper's structure was changed to make it more "economically sound".

Like most campus publications, *Impact* is partially subsidized by the college's students, while the balance of its funding comes from advertising revenue. The board of directors ensures *Impact* follows its budget and makes no large cost overruns.

Impact's constitution was accepted by council in 1982, re-approved last year and is awaiting entrenchment into the students union constitution as a bylaw. The constitution allows all students to participate, assures democratic decision-making and provides for the smooth operation of most aspects of the newspaper.

Impact editor Andy Kolasinski was given just six days notice of the council meeting which decided the newspaper's fate, and he was unable to attend due to prior committments.

The decision to revoke the paper's constitution was made without the knowledge of any *Impact* staffers and without hearing their views on the matter.

Council president Carrier said he was going to be busy with courses soon, so summer was the only appropriate time to make the changes. When asked if he felt six days was too little notice for a meeting of such importance, he said: "Well, yeah."

Impact staff have requested a meeting with council and hope their concerns will be addressed.

Sunday closings??

If you want to study in the library, don't come to Erindale College on a Sunday.

The Erindale College Library, located in the South Building, will be closed Sundays until Octobe 7, 1984.

Regular hours will be maintained on all other days. The library is open Monday to Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Pepsi Shake-Up

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)—Members of the Pepsi generation may be suffering from small seizures when they take the aspartame challenge, doctors say.

Aspartame, the sugar substitute contained in most diet soft drinks, can cause seizures in a drinker's neurological system, similar to the petit mal seizures of epiliptics. But some seizures may go unnoticed by the sufferer.

"I don't know that the case has been made for or against diet soft drinks," said Dr. Chris Newman, a Memorial University pharmacologist at the campus health services centre, "But I do feel a twinge when I drink them myself."

Aspartame has adversely affected mentally handicapped people, who cannot tolerate phenylalanine, a common amino acid found in the chemical additive.

Some scientists fear aspartame can harm the body by altering the metabolism of other amino acids. Newman said studies conducted by a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology showed reactions to aspartame do exist, but are relatively small.

The researcher, however, said the high amounts of aspartame in diet soft drinks is a cause for concern, and warned soft-drinkers from consuming too much of their favourite substance.

Saccharin, the sugar substitute previously used in diet soft drinks, was taken off the market when it was found to be carcinogenic.

Sexual orientation clause: Human Rights spurn gays?

WINNIPEG(CUP)—Manitoba's new human rights code may not protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination because the concern is not a priority of the provincial government, a gay community spokesperson says.

"It's too dangerous politically," says Louise Fehr. "It's disappointing but it's not surprising."

The proposed human rights code gives teeth to existing laws against all forms of discrimination, but a clause specifically prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation may not be included, according to Manitoba attorney-general Roland Penner.

Fehr says the NDP government fails to follow party policy on issues such as sexual orientation and reproductive choice.

Quebec is the only province whose human rights code bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. "We keep waiting for the rest of Canada to catch up with Quebec, but it won't happen," Fehr says. "The political climate in Canada has gotten a lot more conservative."

The proposed code also defines sexual harassment and prohibits language which incites hatred and violence. It has won the tentative approval of the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties.

Teaching learning Centre aims to aid all the students

By Patricia Meehan

A week and a half of classes...and you're already behind?

New and returning students often need time to adjust to the rigours of studying. A summer of work can distance you from the academic life.

The Teaching-Learning Centre (TLC) helps students to adjust to studying throughout the year. This service is free to students and aims to "help students become *better* students."

The Writing Lab aids students in organizing essays, preparing reports, improving writing styles and avoiding common literary errors.

Study Skills seminars show students how to take effective notes, how to manage time, as well as how to prepare for and write exams.

In October, the TLC will be holding Seminars in Term-Paper and Research Techniques (START). The seminar features helpful tips for writing essays. It is a joint Writing Lab/Library seminar.

START will take place Wed. Oct. 3, from 2-4 p.m., Tues. Oct. 23, from 7-9 p.m., and Sat. Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. These seminars will be held in the Erindale library.

The Study Skills seminar on "Taking Good Notes and Mastering Texts" will take place on Thurs. Oct. 11, from 4-5:30 p.m., in Room 292, the North Building.

Algonquin newspaper feels impact of the student union

OTTAWA (CUP)—Student newspaper editors at three campuses across the country were under fire from students and student unions during the summer but have successfully fought off impeachment attempts.

A petition at the University of Waterloo calling for the removal of the *Imprint's* editor, George Elliott Clarke, from his post has died, according to the new editor.

The petition, organized by former non-members of the publication, was circulated mostly in the engineering and mathematics faculties. Between 150 and 700 students signed the petition, which fell short of the 10 per cent of students required to call a referendum.

At the University of Alberta, the editor of *The Gateway* Gilbert Bouchard, did not even get a chance to try his hand at editing the student paper when student union vice-president Gordon Stamp introduced a motion to have him dismissed.

Stamp said he acted out of financial concern and as a service to students. He claims Bouchard did a poor job of editing *The Summer Times*, the U of A summber session paper and the council handbook, and would have made a poor *Gateway* editor.

The student union dismissed Bouchard as editor of the phone directory and fined him $350 of his $1500 salary for the handbook. The motion to have him dismissed as *Gateway* editor was defeated.

In both cases, student council executives pressured the newspaper editors by withholding council advertising.

At Trent University, a petition calling for the removal of *Arthur* co-editors Jeff Green and Sheila Nopper was ruled out-of-order at a student union meeting, though the student union set up a committee to study the numerous allegations about the editors, many of which were of a personal nature. *Arthur* is an autonomous publication.

An attempt by the student council to take over the student newspaper at St. Thomas University was also defeated recently. *The Aquinian* is now controlled by an independent student board of directors and is working towards full autonomy.

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Here's your chance to be A-student

By Patricia Meehan

This is the year that you'll get A's in all your courses, right?

If you want to improve your marks and better your track record at university this year, or if you're a keen first year student, then *Succeeding in University* is a book you may find useful.

The author of *Succeeding in University*, Domenico Angelicchio, is highly respected judging from the forward remarks by such people as H. Ian Macdonal, the President of York University, Arthur Stephen, the Director of Institutional Relations at Wilfrid Laurier University and A.M. McMahon, the Vice-President, Engineering, of Bell Canada.

Paul Fox, the Principal of Erindale College, has this to say about Angelicchio's work: "A very useful book for anyone considering university. It will save a student a lot of time looking up information."

Researchers estimate that students forget 50% of the material right after the lecture, and 80% within a month.

This week, ***medium II*** takes excerpts from the book dealing with Developing Study Skills, Managing Time Effectively, and Writing Essays and Reports, from *Succeeding in University*, which is written by Domenico Angelicchio.

In his chapter on Developing Study Skills, Angelicchio deals with taking notes, study techniques, and physical as well as mental health of the student. Here are some of the suggestions for studying effectively:

- set aside specific times for study, times when you will not be distracted.
- pick a well-lit, quiet area where you have enough room to spread out all your papers. Studying in the same place each time, a place that feels comfortable and where all the materials are close by, is a good way to increase your concentration.
- study the hardest parts first, to get them out of the way.
- take breaks when necessary.

For reading, Angelicchio suggests that you should always read with a purpose. "This entails looking for the ideas presented in the book, rather than searching for minor details. Read a complete section before taking notes. In this way you will know whether there is any relevant information to be noted from the chapter."

Poor dietary habits have been shown to have adverse effects on people. For example, they affect growth, may cause brain damage, impair learning capacity, and contribute to a general inability to concentrate.

If the above describes how you feel some Monday mornings, then take a close look at what you eat. And here are some general rules to follow:

- eat a good breakfast (not coffee and buns, but eggs and milk) so that your blook sugar level will be high and you will have the capacity for a full day's work. Eat lunch and dinner as well.
- eat from all the major food groups daily: 12 oz. of milk and cheese three times a week for the proper ration of calcium and iron; fruit as a source of vitamins; meat, fish, poultry and eggs for essential protein.

After you improve your eating habits, make sure your exercise regime suits your diet and your study schedule.

The benefits of exercise are countless. Some of the most common benefits are a decreased chance of any form of illness, increased capacity to handle heavy workloads, better concentration, relief of tension and a general feeling of well-being.

If exercise can do all that for you, what have you been waiting for?! Visit the Erindale College Athletics and Recreation Association on the South Building. There are courses to take, teams to play for, and events to get involved in.

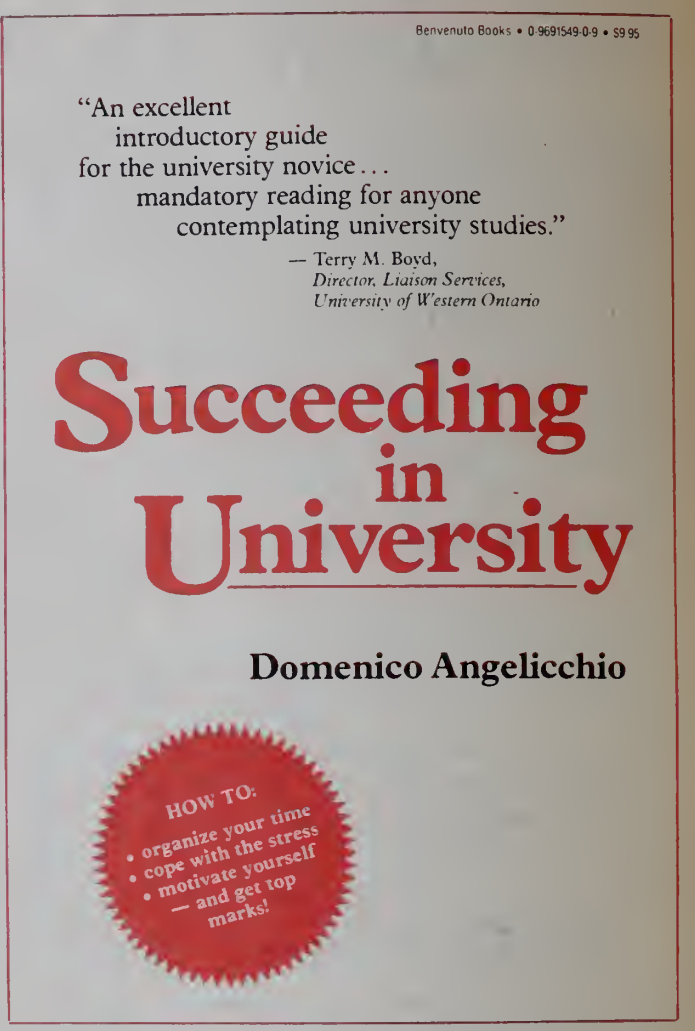
Getting involved at university is fun, but it can create problems if you aren't organized. As Angelicchio puts it, "Your greatest asset lies in learning how to organize your time. You will find that by doing so you will have control over your life in terms of being able to get your work done and still have plenty of time for socializing."

His short list of things to do will give you an indication of the amount of organization needed for your studies and your university life.

- draft a monthly schedule with all the important dates, and any appointments that you have made for the month. Update this chart weekly.
- leave yourself a comfortable amount of time to do your normal morning activities such as dressing, eating and getting to school. If you are rushed in the morning you may throw off your whole day's schedule.
- treat school like a job—if you use your school hours for school work you will find that your free hours can truly be used for your own enjoyment rather than for hectic studying.

Overall, Angelicchio's book offers useful information that is not impossible to assimilate into your academic lifestyle. It is useful for both new and returning students.

Copies of Succeeding in University are available at college bookstores at $9.95 each or directly from Benvenuto Books, P.O. Box 101, St. P, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2S6. (Add $1.50 postage and handling).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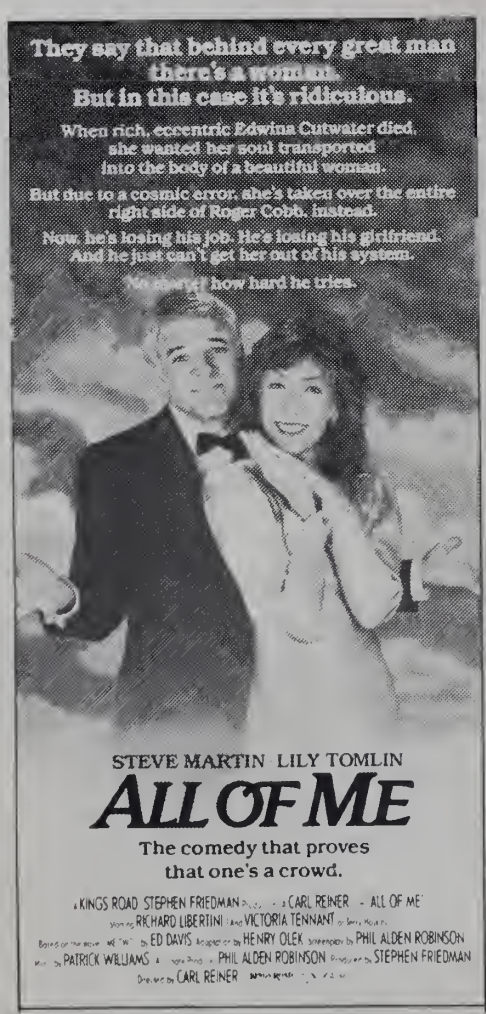
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Inti-Illiamani

By Ann McEachern

Inti-Illiamani is a Chilean folk group which has been together since May 1967. The group's keen interest in Latin-American folk instruments is responsible for its unique character both musically and socially.

Inti-Illimani is clear about its aims—to reflect and develop the traditional native and Metis culture in Latin Americal, and to struggle against cultural colonialism.

From 1973, the group has been living in exile in Italy due to a coup d'etat in Chile which changed their lives and the political face of Chile itself. The group's tours are motivated by both a desire to further their musical growth and the advance of the struggle for Chile's political liberation.

Staff Meeting:
Mon. Sept. 24, noon

Say, it was fun this weekend, wasn't it? All ready for the 12 page issue?

Thanks to all who helped... Marty, Marilyn, Howard, Vickie, Rino, Kelly, Carol and I hope we see the new staff out next week. Have a good one this week...

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Which types of articles interest you the most (rank in order of preference)
☐ opinions ☐ entertainment ☐ editorials
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☐ notices ☐ interviews ☐ reviews ☐ features
☐ classifieds

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☐ large articles ☐ % of time
☐ small articles ☐ % of time

How many days a week do you read a newspaper?
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☐ poor
☐ good
☐ very good
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☐ very poor
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☐ ECSU—Erindale College Student Union
☐ SAC—Students Administrative Council
☐ E.C.C.—Erindale College Council

Sports

Do you want more sports coverage on:
☐ intramural sports
☐ interfaculty sports
☐ Varsity teams

Would you like more interviews with Erindale sports personalities?
☐ yes ☐ no

Entertainment

Do you want the downtown entertainment scene covered?
☐ yes ☐ no

Would you be interested in coverage of more 'cultural' activities, i.e. art exhibitions, plays?

☐ yes
☐ no

Would you be interested in a weekly review of new music videos and pop singles in the Top 40 chart?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Would you be interested in a 'rating' of the Mississauga bars and dance places?

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Marshall McLuhan

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Varsity Arena Rejuvenation

Renovations which began this spring for Varsity arena, Toronto's second largest arena, will restore it to a multi-purpose facility available for a wide range of athletic, recreational and cultural events.

The estimated cost of renovations for the 4,500-seat arena is $2,822,900. The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation has provided $1,450,000 from Lottario funds.

"We are delighted lottery proceeds are going to the renovation," Reuben Baetz, Minister of Tourism and Recreation announced at a media reception in May; "Varsity Arena can serve as an ideal site for recreation and tourism events in mid-town Toronto."

A fundraising drive launched in 1981 by U of T Alumni and led by the late Hamilton Cassels, Q.C., raised $267,149 for the Arena. Interest on these funds together with subsequent donations have brought total benefaction to $405,000.

Costs will also be met by the University's capital funds for fire and safety projects and the Department of Athletics and Recreation.

Renovation plans call for exterior and roof repairs, widening the rink, interior redecoration, modernizing concession areas, improving changing rooms, flooring, corridors and ventilation systems as well as installing a new ice plant and plans to make the building accessible to the physically disabled.

Varsity Arena, built in 1926, became the first permanent home for the University's men's and women's hockey teams. Since that time, Varsity has touched virtually every student, sports-minded or not, who has attended the University of Toronto.

Erindale Intramurals

Sport	Entry Deadline	Opening Day
	Men	
Touch Football	Wed., Sept. 19	Tues., Sept. 25
Ice Hockey	Tues., Oct. 9	Tues., Oct. 16
Basketball	Wed., Oct. 3	Wed., Oct. 10
Indoor Soccer	Tues., Oct. 23	Tues., Oct. 31
Ball Hockey	Wed., Oct. 31	Wed., Nov. 7
	Women	
Indoor Soccer	Tues., Oct. 16	Tues., Oct. 23
	Co-ed	
Volleyball	Wed., Oct. 17	Tues., Oct. 23
	Tournaments	
Tennis	Fri., Sept. 21	Sat., Sept. 29
Table Tennis	Fri., Nov. 16	Sat., Nov. 24
Badminton	Thurs., Nov. 15	Fri., Nov. 23

Each league sport will be preceded by a captains' meeting. These meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m. on the entry deadline day, in Room 1128 (the E.C.A.R.A. Lounge). Entries are due no later than noon of the same day. Each team entering a league must have a representative present at the captains' meeting.

Watch for "BLITZ" tournaments, too!

Mini-Olympics

By Patricia Meehan

Free food, a free concert with Blue Peter, and the thrill of watching the Olympiad...

No, the "University and College Olympics" is not anywhere close to being *the* Olympics, but it should prove to be almost as much fun!

On Saturday, September 22, college and university teams will arrive at Toronto Island to fight for the medals in the Obstacle Course, the Paddle Boat Races, and the Tug of War.

"It's going to be a wild and crazy time...free food, and a free concert with Blue Peter," said Phil Marsden, an Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) Director Without Portfolio (DWP). Marsden is in charge of recruiting a team consisting of twelve people, six male and six female.

"Everybody's welcome to come and cheer on the Erindale team", stated Marsden.

Competition begins with the team line-up Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. The 9:15 Island Ferry is your best bet if you want good seats.

The University and College Olympics is sponsored by SAC and by the City of Toronto's Sesquicentennial committee.

Uof T Day

By Patricia Meehan

Today is U of T day at Exhibition stadium.

For only $4, you can see the Toronto Blue Jays.

The tickets are on sale at the SAC Info desk in the meeting Place. Game time is 7:30.

Games Schedule

University of Toronto

Varsity Arena

Sat. Sept. 22nd	Laurier	2:00 pm
Sat. Sept. 29th	Guelph	2:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 4th	York	7:30 pm
Sat. Oct. 13th	at Waterloo	2:00 pm
Sat. Oct 20th	McMaster (Homecoming)	2:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 27th	at Windsor	2:00 pm
Sat. Nov. 3rd	OUAA Semi-Finals	1:00 pm
Sat. Nov. 10th	OUAA Finals	1:00 pm
Sat. Nov. 17th	Vanier Cup Semi-Finals	1:00 pm
Sat. Nov. 24th	Vanier Cup Game	1:00 pm

Tickets $5, $4 Students $3
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'Big Four' aim for regroup

Waterloo(CUP) - Four of Canada's oldest universities want to score financial points by reviving traditional football rivalries.

McGill, Queen's, Western and the University of Toronto want to re-establish the Big Four football conference which existed until the mid-1960s and often outdrew Canadian Football League games in attendance.

McGill's athletic director Robert Dubeau says the idea suits the four schools because they have similar philosophies on college athletics and like-sized varsity programmes. Each has at least 32 teams.

The change would allow players to spend more time on academic pursuits instead of athletics, he says. The season would be shorter and travel lighter, he added, saying travel costs would also decline. But Dubeau downplayed potential financial gains from the new league.

G.W. Chapman, U of T athletics director, says he wants problems such as low budgeting and poor scheduling addressed by the Ontario University Athletics Association, but his school is "flexible" on the issue.

Keith Harris, Carleton University's athletic director, reacted angrily to the plans because a new league would force a realignment of divisional and playoff structures and place a further burden on smaller schools.

"Whatever platitudes they care to wrap it in, it's pretty selfish," stated Harris. "We're all interdependant."

Rich Newbrough, director of athlectics at Wilfrid Laurier University, also feels the large schools are already getting more than they are giving. "We can still salvage this but not without bending on both sides," he said.

Many believe the four universities don't intend to set up a new league for all sports, but are using the threat as a bargaining tool to organize the lucrative football league.

McGill's Dubeau remembers the prestige surrounding the conference in its glory days. "These schools have competed against each other for over 100 years. We have seen crowds for football drop from an average of 15-16,000 per game (in the late 50s) to two or three or four thousand."

Carleton football coach Ace Powell says Queen's is also banking on a renewed rivalry.

"They draw well cause they're the only game in town and they figure they'd get big crowds if teams like Toronto came in."

The league hopes a compromise can be reached, but not all schools will agree on the conditions.

"We would hate to see the schools leave the conferences," says OUAA committee chair Wally Delahey. But the league can do nothing to prevent the move.

Numerous compromise proposals are being discussed by the 16 members and a decision is pending.

Foul play: athletics at Concordia

MONTREAL(CUP)-- Concordia University's athletics department has been found guilty of making indirect payments to its varsity athletes, a confidential report has revealed.

The report is from an internal investigation launched last December following stories in the university's student newspaper, *The Link*, which showed varsity athletes were paid under the table to play for Concordia.

The Canadian Inter-University Athletics Union, the league in which Concordia teams play strictly forbids its members from paying its athletes according to John McConnachie, CIAU public relations director.

The report says the athletics department paid for some athletes' books, tuition and living expenses, helped them find high-paying student jobs, lent them money and promised potential recruits "pocket money".

Concordia faces stiff penalties from the CIAU over the issue.

This summer the CIAU found Brandon University in Manitoba guilty of paying its athletes. The university was put on one year's probation. None of the university's teams can appear in televised matches and if the institution violates any more rules, the CIAU plans to throw the teams out of university athletics.

"Some of the top CIAU officials are ex-employees of the Concordia athletics department, so don't count on them to take any action," says a Concordia coach who asked not to be identified.

When *The Link* originally published the allegations last year, the CIAU said it would wait for the investigator's report before taking any action.

The investigation committee headed by recently elected Conservative MP Marcel Danis, says men's basketball players were given work through the university's student work programme.

The committee blames no one person for the department's wrongdoings but it recommends a series of financial safeguards be adopted to halt further abuse.

Life as CUSO volunteer

By Robby Robertson
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"Try to imagine you are in a village with mud huts, no running water, electricity or health clinics, and goats run ning around everywhere. Outside the huts, you might see a Mercedes-Benz. That's the kind of picture I have of Nigeria, the priorities they have for development. Nigeria is a country of extremes."

Chung Kuan, a recent Canadian University Services Overseas volunteer and University of British Columbia graduate, speaks slowly and carefully about his two-year mathematics teaching placement in Nigeria. A Chinese-Canadian in his mid 20's, Kuan seems constantly aware that his words might form black and white images which characterize Western views of the third world.

"Nigeria is a large and complex country of many tribes, and it varies from area to area," he says. "It's hard to generalize my experience to the whole of Nigeria."

Kuan worked at a teacher's training school, teaching students who could barely speak English, much less use the imported language to understand math. In the school's storeroom, Kuan found many unused beakers, graduated cylinders and various chemicals.

"Some of the equipment you could not even find in our high schools, such as a chemical balance. It had never been used."

"People who came over 10 or 15 years ago thought buying a lot of scientific equipment would solve the problem."

Bill Raikes, another CUSO volunteer who spent wo years in Sierra Leone and Papua, New Guinea, says foreign attempts to help impoverished countries often fail because the country's situation is poorly understood.

First world solutions are unsuitable for third world problems, he says, citing an agricultural problem near his home in Sierra Leone involving the harvest of several rice fields as an example.

The locals encountered problems in determining how to harvest the rice because the fields were so large. A Canadian advisor recommended they buy three Massey-Fergusson combines, which proved difficult to use. They could not be adjusted to the height of the rice, which was grown in flooded fields, and had no spare parts.

"All three of them seized up after three months, simply because no one knew to change the oil. And that's $90,000 worth of farming equipment," Raikes says.

One of CUSO's basic operating principles is to promote grass roots development and deal with economic inequities on terms set by the third world.

While most CUSO volunteers hesitate to define these inequities, Wes Mautlsaid, CUSO's B.C. regional director, ventures an opinion.

"Third world countries' resources have come under the control of countries and transnational corporations. In Guatemala, they have the resources to feed and house the people, but the exploitation of these resources does not benefit the local people. They are taken out and used to maintain the standard of living that first world countries are used to," Mautlsaid says.

"Many countries have gained political independence, but they have not gained economic independence. They are stuck in a cycle of dependency."

The Canadian 'International Development Agency, which funds CUSO and other volunteer programs, is responsible for more costly forms of aid. According to a recent study by Roger Young of the North-South Institute, many CIDA programs are wasteful and encourage third world dependency on Canada.

CIDA emphasizes providing expensive technology, instead of supplying spare parts and training the people to utilize existing technology, says Young. When the imported Canadian machines break down, they must ask CIDA for new ones.

Canada's tied aid programs, which specify that funds must be used to purchase Canadian goods, force recipients to use expensive technology where it may not be appropriate.

Raikes says often simple solutions work where highly technical ones fail.

When visiting the garden of one of his Sierra Leone students, Raikes found the student used a half gallon gourd to water his plants. He walked half a mile for each gourd full of water, making watering the garden a five hour task. Raikes later discovered a five gallon watering can in the nearby city, which he bought for $2. "With the watering can, my student was able to reduce his watering time to half an hour, and consequently pay his school fees, support his family and double the size of his plot."

"It was just $2 worth of technology that saved his life," says Raikes, smiling at the solution's simplicity.

But CUSO volunteers are uncertain if their work has any major effect on the country's development. Most said they felt the personal interaction was the most important aspect of their placement for both them and the locals.

A CUSO volunteer lives as the local lives - sometimes without running water, transportation or electricity.

They are often held responsible for projects they feel are not of the greatest use, but must complete them because of the local government's insistence, which pays them. The CUSO volunteer must also learn a new language and culture.

Despite these obstacles, Kuan says the time he spent in Nigeria was very valuable. "I feel I have gained more then I have put out. Two years is a tremendous learning experience, and I believe five years of university education could not give me what I have experienced over there."

Kuan does not claim to have changed Nigeria's economic system, but he says he is satisfied with his contribution on a personal level.

Jean Malonney, a UBC adult education student, says her recent experience in Papua, New Guinea was also personally enriching. "On a personal level, there were some people that I think I really did help. Just a few of my students I think I really touched and a difference in their lives. And that has to be enough."

Critics of the program, including some CUSO volunteers, say volunteer groups like CUSO sometimes fail to help the country's poor directly. Volunteers - especially those in teaching programs which make up 50 per cent of CUSO's placements - think they are perpetuating a culturally and economically biased system.

Kuan says Nigeria's Western form of education is stifling its culture and altering its traditions. "When they ask Canadians to come here and teach they are also getting our culture, our values, our thinking," he says.

"They are taking children away from the villages and putting them in schools, teaching them the city culture. The price they pay is quite big."

Raikes also has reservations about the Western education system, saying what is taught is often useless to the locals. The Sierra Leone government contracted him to teach North American geography to its students because it is a requirement on regional tests qualifying one to continue study. In West Africa, regional exams retain a Western bias left from the time of colonialism, he says.

"I could not teach them the area's geography because it was not on the exam. After three years of teaching these kids, I don't think I contributed one iota to their development," he admits.

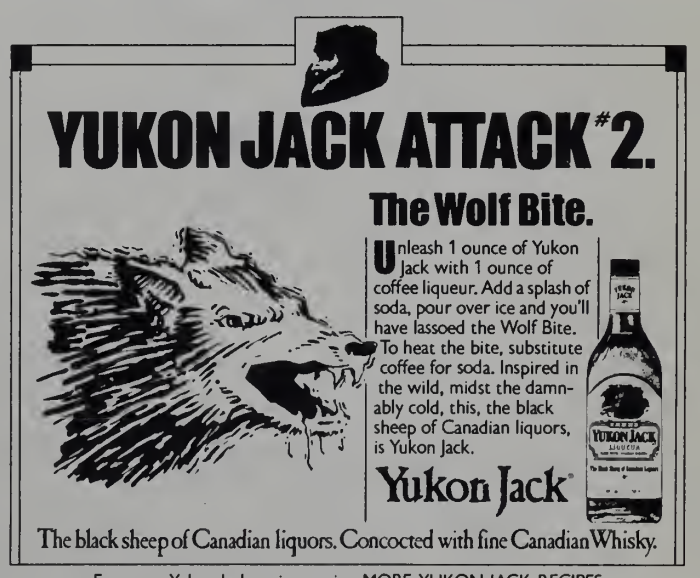
Another organization that sends volunteers to developing countries is World University Services Canada. Richard Dalgarno, WUSC's overseas project assistant director, defends their program, where 70 per cent of placements teach a Western style education. "If it's of relevance to the bulk of the people is debatable.," says Dalgarno in a telephone interview in Ottawa. "But it's what they asked for. It's what they want."

In response to criticism of its teaching placements, CUSO is shifting its emphasis to more specific projects designed to raise the basic standard of living. Skilled university graduates coordinate projects, such as setting up health facilities and implementing more effective subsistence farming methods.

"We would try to get several Canadians to go to Columbia," says Maultsaid, giving an example of a specific scheme. "One would be a doctor, one a nurse, one a dentist, and maybe a co-ordinator. They would work with four Columbian people, so we could start a health project in a certain part of the country. After a while, we would withdraw the CUSO people and hope the program would be carried on under the Columbians."

Volunteers do agree on one thing - they want to increase Canadians' awareness of third world realities. "They want to do something that is not for them personally but for society," Says Raikes.

"Sometimes I felt I wasn't doing much, but at least I was doing something."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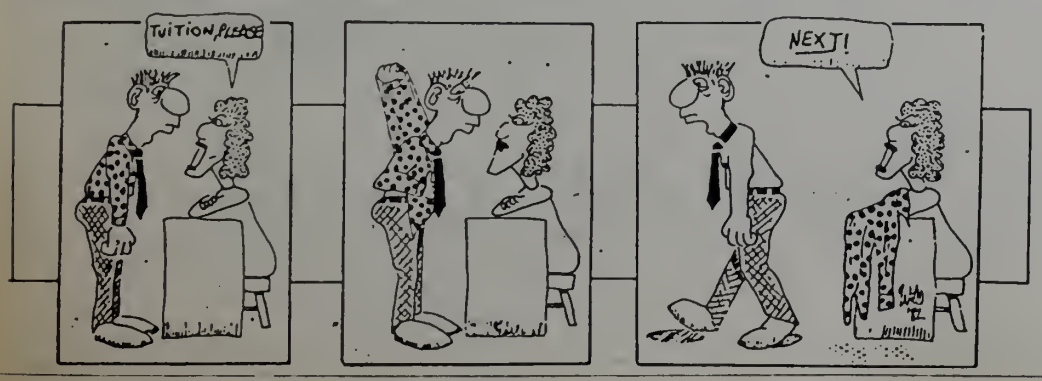

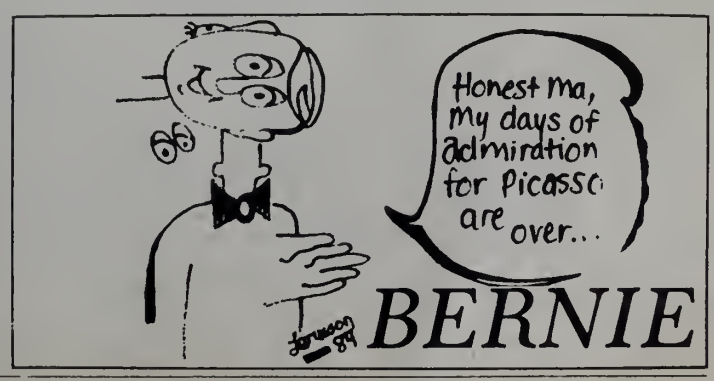

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